

For Immediate Release

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WINTERFEST 2000 ADDS ACTIVITIES

Mercy Flight, Penguins and Dog Sleds Highlight Event

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle invites residents to attend the 5th annual Winterfest at Mendon Ponds Park on Sunday, February 6, 2000 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Additions to the festival include: a helicopter landing by Mercy Flight, in conjunction with the Nordic Ski Patrol, (Stewart Lodge at approximately 2:00 p.m.-weather permitting); penguins from the Seneca Park Zoo; and a dog sled demonstration by Jim Phillips of Rainbow Cross Kennels.

Participants will also enjoy horse drawn sleigh rides, storytelling by the Storytelling Guild of Greater Rochester, children's crafts, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and appearances by the Seneca Park ZooMobile, Send in the Clowns Clown Troupe and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department Mounted Patrol and K-9. Refreshments will be available for a small charge.

Mendon Ponds Park is located in the southeastern portion of Monroe County. Enter the park from either Route 65 (Clover Street) or Pittsford-Mendon Center Road. Volunteers and staff will be on hand throughout the park to answer questions from the public. For more information or a schedule of events, call 256-4958.

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